

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Toshiyuki KONDO, et al.

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For: ASSIST TRANSPORTATION METHOD AND ITS DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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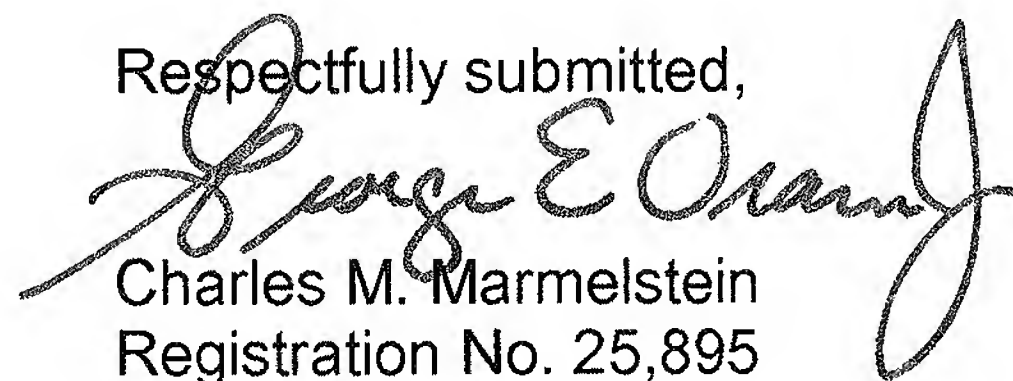
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 5, 2009, Applicants hereby elect Group I directed to Claims 1-2 and 5-6, drawn to an assist and transportation method and device characterized by a floating product. This election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicants above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests examination of elected Group I, Claims 1-2 and 5-6 on the merits.

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